



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Hollister Police Investigate Possible Murder / Suicide

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *July 12, 2010* – The Hollister Police Department is investigating a possible murder / suicide that left two people dead and another person wounded by gunfire.

On July 11, 2010 at 9:12 PM, Hollister Police officers responded to an address on the 1400 block of Diablo Drive for a report of a person shot. Upon arrival police discovered a deceased adult female and a deceased adult male in the home. Both appeared to have gunshot wounds. One additional adult female with a gunshot wound was discovered alive in the home, and one uninjured young child was also found.

On July 11, 2010 at 9:12 P.M. county communications dispatchers received a 9-1-1 call from a woman reporting she has been shot. The woman said that a man shot her, then shot her mother and then shot himself. Officers of the Hollister Police Department and San Benito Sheriff's Office arrived at the home and discovered the apartment locked and secured with a metal security door. Officers had to break through the security door and the main door to make entry into the home. Officers discovered two persons deceased and another person suffering from a gunshot wound to the abdomen. A young child was also located inside of the residence uninjured.

The injured woman was flown via helicopter to a Bay Area hospital and is listed in stable condition. The child was temporarily placed with Child Protective Services pending reunification with family.

The deceased persons appeared to have been in a dating relationship that had recently ended. Initial findings and witness statements suggest this incident was a murder / suicide.

The investigation is still ongoing and the identities of the involved parties are not being released at this time pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding either of these incidents is requested to contact Detective David Anderson at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call WeTIP at (800) 78-CRIME. Information provided to WeTIP may qualify for a reward.

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